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FEDERAL LEGISLATION AFFECTING LIBRARIES

The American Library Association (ALA) strongly supports legislation introduced by Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), the Freedom to Read Protection Act, which would exempt libraries and booksellers from certain provisions of the USA Patriot Act -- in order to protect Americans' constitutionally guaranteed right to read and access information without governmental intrusion or monitoring.

"America's libraries do support our government in our nation's efforts to preserve and protect the many freedoms that we enjoy as Americans' and remain committed to our nation's security - as well as protecting the constitutional rights of our patrons," said ALA Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff. "That is why librarians will continue to follow the law, and comply with all legal requests from law enforcement officials."

However, the Freedom to Read Protection Act would prevent unwarranted and unconstitutional intrusions into our fundamental constitutional right to think, read, and access information freely and openly. Recent history tells us that this is a reasonable and legitimate concern. Many librarians and library users recall the FBI's Library Awareness Program of the 1970s and 80s, when the FBI inappropriately attempted to monitor patron's reading habits and obtain personal information about library users. The library community is determined not to repeat this mistake.

"There can be no question that we must protect Americans against terrorists, but that does not mean that we have to give the federal government the right to monitor what Americans are reading at their local library, or what books they are buying at their local book store," said Rep Sanders. "The Freedom To Read Protection Act will protect Americans' constitutional rights to read books without fear that someone is violating their right to privacy," he concluded.

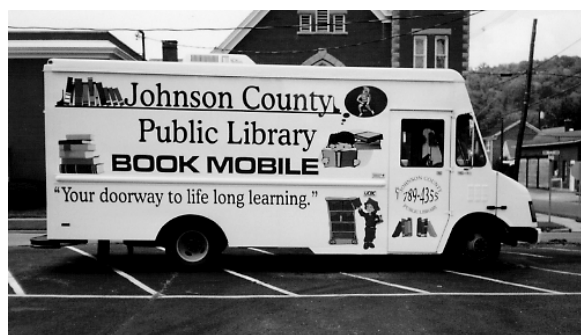
In January, the ALA Council passed a resolution on the USA Patriot Act and Related Measures That Infringe on the Rights of Library Users, and the ALA Washington Office and Office for Intellectual Freedom have created Web pages on Libraries and the Patriot Act.



Rep. Thomas Tancredo (R-CO) introduced legislation March 12 that would "terminate the e-rate program of the Federal Communications Commission," which subsidizes telecommunications costs for schools and libraries. The E-Rate Termination Act (H.R. 1252), which currently has four cosponsors, has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. ALA's Washington Office notes that Tancredo introduced this bill in the last Congress to no success.

ALL ABOUT BOOKMOBILES

This has been a roller-coaster year for the KDLA bookmobile program. Anticipating budget reductions, the program was eliminated. The budget was reduced; however, the bookmobile program was saved – at least for this year. Recipients of new bookmobiles and other outreach vehicles will be published in the next edition of the *Kentucky Public Library Newsletter*.



Colorful, new bookmobile in Johnson County.

Although KDLA does not have a full-time bookmobile coordinator, there are specialists ready to assist with your bookmobile questions. Call KDLA at 502-564-8300. For questions about programming on the bookmobile, call Susie Crowder, ext. 266. For bookmobile repair and maintenance issues, call Terry Manual, ext. 269. For any other bookmobile questions, including questions about grants, loaners, etc., call Tezeta Lynes, ext. 267.

NEED TAX RATES?

Last year's tax rates for all Kentucky library taxing districts are available on KDLA's website. The current year rates will be made available as soon as possible. The link to the tax rates is www.kdla.ky.gov/libserv/technology.htm.

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Is your library overwhelmed with requests for statistics, journal articles, or research information? Does the library staff not have time to search the Internet for the latest government or business information? The State Library's **Ask a Librarian** may be just what you need.

Ask a Librarian is an online reference service designed to help public library staff meet the information needs of their patrons. Questions, big and small, can be submitted to the Reference staff of the State Library who will get you the answer you need – usually within 24 hours.

To use **Ask a Librarian**, fill out the new Kentucky Public Library Form at www.kdla.net/statelib/Asklib.htm. You will receive a response via email, fax, phone, or regular mail.

The staff of the State Library is trained to track down high quality information quickly and efficiently. They have access to a variety of resources including electronic databases, and they know how to use them. So, don't panic when the information requests start piling up. Just turn to the State Library's **Ask a Librarian** when you need to know.

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YALSA AWARD

The Executive Committee of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) will select up to twenty-five exemplary programs/services in all types of libraries to include in a fourth edition of *Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults*. The top five programs will receive stipends of \$1000 each. The twenty best of the rest of the applications will receive stipends of \$250.

All applications must be received no later than June 2, 2003. For more information, go to www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/OurAssociation/Divisions/YALSA/SpecialProjects/SpecialProjects.htm.

DID YOU SAY THANK YOU?

Often, people will choose to make a cash donation to a charitable organization rather than to send flowers following a death. If the person being honored was a library user, a cash gift to the public library might be the perfect choice. Libraries should anticipate this and be prepared.

Does your library have a procedure for acknowledging donations in writing? Whether it is a standard letter or a personalized note, it is important to thank the donor for the gift. Not only does the donor know that the gift was received and appreciated, it also serves as documentation for tax purposes.

GRANTS FROM TARGET

Target stores have a policy of making donations to community groups (their website lets you find your closest store) for the purposes of arts, education, and preventing family violence.



According to the Target web page, "Reading is an essential element of each child's educational process. We fund programs that promote a love of reading or encourage children to read together with their families. We particularly focus on programs that inspire young readers (birth through third grade)."

Grants are generally between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Grant applications are being accepted until **July 21, 2003**. Applications are reviewed as they are received, and applicants are encouraged to apply early. Notification of requests is made in approximately 90 days.

To apply, print an application from the Target web site at

target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_local_giving.

Click on "Target Grantmaking Guidelines" on the left, and follow instructions. Applicants will complete an on-line preregistration and then will be instructed to print an application form. Return the completed application to the local Target store manager, who will review the application, make funding recommendations, and update you on the status of your project.

CERTIFICATION FORMS ONLINE

Certification forms are now active on the web. Users can fill in the blanks (using mouse to navigate), print out the form, and then send it to KDLA. The link to certification forms is www.kdla.net/libserv/cert.htm.

ONLINE COURSES VIA LCC

It is time to register for Fall Semester 2003 Library Information Technology courses offered online by Lexington Community College (LCC). These courses may be used for certification requirements for the Library Experience and Paraprofessional certification levels.



Courses for Fall 2003 are:

- LIT 115: Introduction to Reference Services. 3 credit hours.
- LIT 230: Web Publishing for Public Libraries. 3 credit hours. Required software: FrontPage 2002.
- LIT 242: Literature of Western Kentucky. 3 credit hours.
- LIT 243: Library Services for Children. 3 credit hours.
- LIT 247: Library Services for Adults. 3 credit hours.
- LIT 280: Genealogy Services in Public Libraries. 3 credit hours.

In-state tuition is \$93 per credit hour; or \$279 for a three credit-hour course. Out-of-state tuition is \$305 per credit hour; or \$915 for a three credit-hour course. Students aged 65 and over may register for free as a Donovan Scholar. There is an application for admission fee of \$20. After you are registered, you will receive a tuition bill from LCC.

Each class is limited to 15 students. Please register as soon as possible so that we can plan for enough sections. To register, telephone the Kentucky Virtual University at 877-740-4357, and ask to register for the LCC LIT course/courses that you choose.

For questions and help, please contact Martha Birchfield, phone 866-774-4872, x 4159 or e-mail at marthab@uky.edu.

CATALOGING TIP

In the last several weeks, I have run across several noteworthy news items that will be of interest to catalogers. There will be a new edition (DDC 22) of Dewey published in July, 2003. The major changes will include updates of 004-008 Computer Science, 305-306 Social Groups and Institutions, 540 Chemistry and 610 Medicine. Abridged Edition 14 of Dewey will be published in 2004.

The Cataloging Policy and Support Office at the Library of Congress has approved the following new subject headings to be used immediately:

- Iraq War, 2003
- UF Iraqi Freedom, Operation, 2003
- UF Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003
- BT Iraq – History – 1991-

They also state that additional references and other information may be added to the authority record as the need arises.

If you have any cataloging questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact us – we are always glad to help!

*Myra Prewitt
502-564-8300 ext. 227*

HELP WITH TEENS?

Need an online discussion list for public librarians working in the area of young adult services? Then TAGAD is for you. It stands for Teen Advisory Group ADvisors. This is a wellspring of energy, creativity, and down-to-earth common sense of the people who are active in this group. You can check out the discussion without subscribing by going to <http://www.topica.com/lists/tagad-l>. While you're there, why don't you go ahead and subscribe? It will be one of the best things you do for yourself and your teens this year!

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

Don't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

- April 14-18** Public Library Institute, Week I @ WKU Conference Center in Bowling Green.
- April 21** The Successful Searcher in OCLC ILL Web Interface workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington.
- April 22** The Successful Searcher in OCLC ILL Web Interface workshop @ Somerset Community College in Somerset.
- April 23** The Successful Searcher in OCLC ILL Web Interface workshop @ Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute in Bowling Green.
- April 24** The Successful Searcher in OCLC ILL Web Interface workshop @ Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute in Bowling Green.
- April 25** The Successful Searcher in OCLC ILL Web Interface workshop @ West Kentucky Technology College in Paducah.
- May 7-9** PLS/KLTA Conference @ Seelbach Hotel in Louisville.
- May 8** Reference Resources: Get Rough and Tough about Information Retrieval workshop @ Campbell County Public Library in Fort Thomas.
- May 12-13** Library Legislation Days in Washington, D.C.

- May 13** E-rate: Introduction & Re-introduction @ KDLA in Frankfort.
- May 14** E-rate: Introduction & Re-introduction @ Johnson County Public Library in Paintsville.
- May 15** Grantwriting/ADA workshop @ Hart County Public Library in Munfordville.
- May 16** E-rate: Introduction & Re-introduction @ Dawson Springs Branch Library in Dawson Springs.
- May 19** ILL: The Basics workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington.
- May 19-20** Public Awareness Leadership Institute @ Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown.
- May 20** ILL: The Basics workshop @ Somerset Community College in Somerset.
- May 21** ILL: The Basics workshop @ Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute in Bowling Green.
- May 22** ILL: The Basics workshop @ Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute in Bowling Green.
- May 23** ILL: The Basics workshop @ West Kentucky Technology College in Paducah.
- June 17** Grantwriting/ADA workshop @ Scott County Public Library in Georgetown.

For information regarding workshop opportunities, please check KDLAs web page at

www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm.

'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to marjorie.flowers@kdla.net.

James Mitchell, director of **Meade County Public Library** received the 2002-03 Region 2 Business Person of the Year Award from the Future Business leaders of America (FBLA), Meade County High School.

The teen section at the **Scott County Public Library** is featured in the April 2003 issue of VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates). **Patti Burnside**, adult service librarian, submitted the information to the journal.

The **Oldham County Public Library** recently won an "Oldham County Top Achiever" (OCTA) award presented by the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce. The Library won in the category of "Non-Profit of the Year." The "OCTA" recognizes local businesses and agencies for their professional successes and their involvement in community service.

The **Calloway County Public Library** and the local Red Cross Chapter are working together to collect paperback books for the troops in the Middle East.

The **Kenton County Public Library Foundation** sponsored a genealogy excursion to Salt Lake City in April. The group left on Thursday morning and returned Sunday night -- allowing 3 days of non-stop genealogy research in the world's greatest genealogy library. The trip, at \$850 per person, included air fare, accommodations, transportation to and from airport, an orientation session at the Family History

Center Library, and expert assistance by Kenton County Library staff.

The **Letcher County Public Library** will host the official opening of the Jenkins Branch Library in early May.

The **Fulton County Public Library** will receive an additional \$1000 from Wal-Mart which will make their Community Grant a total of \$2000. The grant will be used to fund their Summer Reading Program.

The **Calvert City Branch Library** (Marshall County) received a \$500 donation from the Calvert City Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to be used to purchase large print books. The library also received \$100 from Air Products and Chemical which they are using to purchase books from the 2003 KET Book Club list. The Atofina Chemicals Company donated the money to purchase two sets of books, *Character Counts* and *Building Character* series which are being used by the elementary schools in Marshall County.

The **Marshall County Public Library** received a \$500 donation from the local McDonald's for the library's Summer Reading Program.

Jarrett Boyd, director of the **Carroll County Public Library**, received a 2002 Governor's Award in the Arts, Community Arts Award (Individual category) for her work with the Blues At The Point Festival. The awards were presented in March in the Capitol Rotunda. This was a public ceremony and reception celebrating Kentucky's highest award in the arts.

The **Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library** received a grant of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart for use in the library's Young Adult Section.



PUBLIC AWARENESS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Public Awareness Leadership Institute is a model training program planned to graduate a class of new Kentucky public library “public relations professionals.” The Institute is designed to increase the ripple effect of public awareness about the importance of public libraries in Kentucky.

Funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the goals of the Institute are to assist participants in developing a local public awareness project for their library and cultivate leadership skills. Following is a list of applicants accepted into the first class:

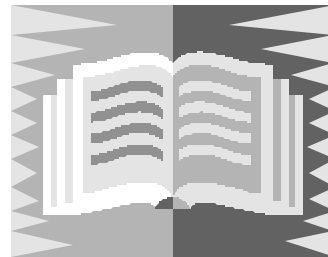
- Elaine West – Allen County Public Library
- Brenda Hawkins – Gallatin County Public Library
- Elaine Couch – Perry County Public Library
- Daniel L. Bays – Breckinridge County Public Library
- Kristi Tucker – Marshall County Public Library
- Earlene H. Arnett – Scott County Public Library
- Vicki Logsdon – Hart County Public Library
- Hildreth Lyman – Montgomery County Public Library
- Karen Kasacavage – Logan Helm Woodford County Public Library
- Sue Hays – Madison County Public Library
- Ann Painter – Campbell County Public Library
- Karen Gillespie – Grayson County Public Library
- Linda Kompanik – Logan County Public Library
- Jan Banks – Casey County Public Library
- Lisa R. Rice – Bowling Green Public Library
- Alisa R. Carmichael – Bowling Green Public Library

Over the course of the year, this class will attend four two-day training sessions, which will be held at various state parks throughout the Commonwealth. Each session will focus on a specific aspect of public awareness.

SPANISH THAT WORKS

For those concerned about being able to communicate with customers whose first or only language is Spanish, a number of free materials are available on the “Spanish That Works” web site at www.thelearninglight.com. Library Spanish/English Phrase Lists are available, as well as other resource materials of interest to libraries with Spanish speaking patrons. The materials are in pdf format, and include topics such as the Dewey Decimal Classifications and “Basic English for the Library” that can be given to patrons. The site also sells a 16-hour Spanish course for librarians.

It takes several steps to find the free material. At the home page select “Spanish that Works” and then click on the phrase ‘in the library’ located near the bottom of the page. That link describes the course, Spanish that Works in the Library. At the bottom of that page, click on “Free Materials.”



OPRAH LAUNCHES BOOK CLUB

Oprah Winfrey is planning to start a new book club, this one devoted to classic literary works, including works by contemporary authors such as Ernest Hemingway and Toni Morrison. Tentatively titled “Traveling with the Classics,” the new program will feature three to five authors per year. Each show will originate from a site connected with the selection—the author’s birthplace, the book’s setting or some other relevant locale. Winfrey made her announcement at the Association of American Publishers’ annual meeting in February.

LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

Quotable Quotes about Libraries

I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card. **First Lady Laura Bush.**

I used to go to the library all the time when I was kid. As a teenager, I got a book on how to write jokes at the library, and that, in turn, launched my comedy career. **Comedian Drew Carey.**

When we build a public library, we don't have to pay to get in, but when we build a stadium, we have to pay the owner every time we go to a game. **Former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura.**

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation. **Walter Cronkite.**

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